

## THINGS WORTH SEEING DOWN IN WISE COUNTY

Went to Hear Politics and Saw Things That Were of an Industrial Character in Southwest.

### COUNTY LOOMS UP GRANDLY

Southwest Virginia Shows Up in Great Shape—Good Roads That Are Really Good—Industrial and Agricultural Development.

Whatever may be the outcome of the vigorous political contest now on in what is known as the Ninth Congressional District of Virginia, the only Virginia district in which there is even in these latter days, a contest at all, the fact remains that the fight is attracting the attention of all of the country to the industrial affairs of that district and to all of Southwest Virginia. No matter whether Slomp, the Republican candidate for Congress, or Trinkle, who is seeking to oust Slomp, shall succeed, the fact is that the district these men desire to represent takes in a large part of the richest and best part of Virginia—that is to say, the "Southwest."

Visitors from afar, who are invading Southwest Virginia purely from a political standpoint, are learning some things about that part of the State of an industrial and agricultural character that they never dreamed of before.

AS A VISITOR SAW THINGS ON THE SIDE

One of these visitors, who went down there with only politics in his mind, found out that there was something more than politics in the "Righting Ninth." In Wise County, for instance, he struck up with some industrial propositions that astonished him. After getting through with the political end of his mission this traveler found time to write somewhat of Wise County. His story reached the public ear through the Roanoke Times. His story is liberally copied in this connection. He says:

People who live in Eastern Virginia have little conception of the progress and prosperity of the Southwest, and the Southwest—the Great Southwest, as it is truthfully called by those who hail therefrom. Wise County, for instance, is only a name to the folks who live in Cumberland, Bowhatan or Goochland. And yet Wise in many respects is one of the greatest of Virginia's counties. It is situated in the extreme western end of the State, to the west of Russell, south of Dickenson and north of Lee and Scott. It is inhabited by as progressive and intelligent a people as can be found anywhere. Bordering on Letcher and Harrison Counties, Kentucky, its chief source of wealth lies in its mountains, from the bowels of which more than 5,000,000 tons of coal are taken every year. In fact, Wise County produces more coal than all the rest of the counties of the State together. Its coal lands are owned principally by Northern capitalists, although a few of the native sons, such as Mr. T. C. Freeman, Dr. J. W. Kelly, have managed to stay in the game. The coal companies are the heaviest taxpayers of the county. Wise County is now one of the wealthiest in the State, although twenty years ago it was one of the poorest.

GOOD ROADS STRIKE THE STRANGER WONDERFULLY

What strikes a stranger most favorably, perhaps, is the exceptionally splendid roads which traverse Wise County in all directions, rendering easy of access communities that otherwise would be practically cut off from the world. Wise County has spent over \$1,000,000, the greater part of which was raised by bond issues, on its roads in recent years.

The citizens take great interest in good-road movements, and there is no grumbling against the road tax. The people of Wise have found out that good roads pay, and they are perfectly willing to foot the bill in order to have them. There are not a few of the county, although there are more than 100 miles of graded and macadamized roads which will compare favorably with any in Virginia. The roads were well built, and are kept up by Road Commissioner Scott—his wife is a former Roanoke girl, by the way—a man who does his job but favorably criticism. Almost everybody seems to have an automobile.

THE METROPOLIS OF WISE COUNTY

Riv Stone Gap, located in the heart of the beautiful mountains made famous by John Fox, Jr., is peopled by exceptionally intelligent and hospitable folks who "share" with Norton, just across the mountains, the distinction of being the largest town in the county. Of Norton it should be sufficient to say that it is the Roanoke of that part of Southwest Virginia. Its citizens are hustlers and boosters, and they put their town on the map to stay. It requires no prophet to forecast that much will be accomplished in the years that are to come. It is a town with a future, just as Wise is a county with a future.

### SATISFACTORY BUSINESS

Such Is the Condition for Richmond for the Past Week, According to Du.

R. G. Dunn & Co.'s special report for The Times-Dispatch of Richmond business for the past week is as follows:

Distribution of merchandise is proceeding along very satisfactory lines, and early fall trade has been of good proportion. No early recession is looked for in prices, and in consequence country merchants are placing normal-size orders. A favorable feature is the absence of the speculative buying by the retail trade, which was a common practice year ago.

Manufacturing plants continue busy. Retail dealers report good sales of seasonable merchandise.

Weather has been suitable for harvesting. The tobacco crop will be smaller than last year, however, judging from the prices received for early primings, not retail. The planter will at least equal last season.

Richmond bank clearings are the largest since the establishment of the clearing-house, the past week exceeding \$20,000,000, which is nearly 100 per cent larger than the corresponding week last year.

Enlarged Capital Stock.

ROUSEMONT, N. C., October 14.—The Little River Manufacturing Company, of this place, has announced an increase of capital stock from \$60,000 to \$100,000, and all the stock has been taken for the purpose of enlarging the mills that have already made a great success in the manufacture of yarns and ropes.

## GOOD ROAD DEVELOPMENT PAYS IN WEST VIRGINIA

State That Is Close to the Lead Rejoices in the Advantages of Good Roads.

The first bond issue for road improvement was voted in the Parkersburg District of Wood County in 1911, the man who promoted and fathered the movement being Hardesty Woodard, now county engineer of Boone County. Prior to the creation of the State Road Bureau and Department of Highways at the West Virginia University, there had been voted \$380,000 in bonds for road improvement. At the present time the authorized bonds for road improvement aggregate the sum of \$12,968,500.

During the past ten years in the Southern Appalachian region a strip of country 200 miles wide, 600 miles long, the people have voted \$33,000,000 for road improvement.

### LARGER DEVELOPMENT; MARION TALKS BIGGER

North Carolina Town Sees Things Through Larger Spectacles—The Way the Great South Is Now Looking.

MARION, N. C., October 14.—Something more than \$610,000 will be the cost of the additional mill that two months ago the Clinchfield Manufacturing Company announced that they would build at this place. The whole business is now practically settled, all the contracts for the various departments having been signed, sealed and delivered.

Construction along all of the lines will be pushed to early completion. The announcement has been made that the main building will be three and a half stories high and 238 feet long, by 132 feet wide, of slow-burning mill construction, whatever that may mean, and the whole business will cost \$160,000.

The building constitutes but a small part of the cost of the enterprise, for it is understood that when the building is completed it will be supplied with 40,000 spindles, 1,000 looms and all of the electric power necessary to drive the machinery, and all of this will be close to \$500,000. The Clinchfield Corporation has increased its capitalization from \$800,000 to \$1,200,000. Then, too, at least \$50,000 will be spent in making cottage homes for the employees.

### SOME FACTS FROM AFAR

Brief Notes of Industrial Delays in All Parts of the Civilized World.

Missouri labor unions have 110,412 members. United States yearly imports 502,000 barrels of sugar.

France after the war must rebuild 3,000 ruined towns.

Rockland, Me., yearly produces 1,000,000 barrels of lime.

American had the first crematory in the Netherlands.

China is importing American steel beams.

Switzerland yearly produces 5,000,000 pounds of sugar.

Importations of wood pulp from Canada increased 130,000,000 pounds in 1915 and yet the paper famine is with us.

Vermont's oldest marble quarry, opened about 1795, still is being operated profitably.

Canada has \$1,000,000 in its State sinking fund. State revenues are \$22,000,000 yearly.

Germany claims leadership of the world in the use of machinery directly driven by electric motors.

Mrs. Rhoda Lawson, age ninety-seven, of Elizabethtown, Ky., is a pupil at a model school.

A Philadelphia man is the inventor of a paper bag, the top of which is reinforced and so cut that it forms a handle.

Traces of radium have been discovered in the interior of Madagascar, and a company has been formed to exploit the deposits.

Automobile builders say that more power is being developed in the United States by motor engines than in all the commercial steam plants.

Nicotine is found in only one plant besides tobacco, a large shrub known to botanists as *Nubosia hopwoodii*, which is native to the interior of Australia.

and leaks in motor vehicles there has been invented a box to fit over them in compartments of which is loose cotton that is moved by the escaping air, it passes over a hole.

Work has been started on a Rayon plant for draining and reclaiming 1,000,000 acres of land, one of the greatest and costliest tasks of the kind ever attempted.

A German patent has been granted an American inventor of a talking machine connection for dairy machinery, to its tobacco, for instance, is so monotonous it impairs the efficiency of buttermakers.

Tobacco is now being raised in the Province of Quebec. The area devoted to its culture here in 1915 amounted to about 5,000 acres, which was slightly more than 1914, and the yield an acre was about 1,000 pounds.

COMPANY THAT SEEMS TO MEAN BIGGER BUSINESS

Many Industrial Rumors in Southwest Virginia Air—One of Them Traced Down at Wise.

WISE, VA., October 14.—There are all kinds of rumors in the air about new companies that are being organized in the Southwest, and the great Southwest, companies that propose to do a great deal of development in one way and another. One of the concerns that has been started is the Virginia Coal Products Corporation, which has been incorporated with capital stock of something like \$1,500,000. R. P. Price, of Wise, is the president of this company, and Charles G. Ramsey is the secretary and treasurer. Mr. Ramsey's headquarters for the present will be at Cosburn, Va. The home and the post-office address of the president will, for the time being, be at Wise.

There is rumor in the air that this new and well financed company has already acquired the Fork Ridge, Guest property, and other large coal and iron properties in this region. The suggestion is that the biggest business, for the present will be the development of coal and iron properties, but there is also a plan for a village development is also a part of the program of the company. Anyhow this company seems to mean business.

Ambitious Virginia Village.

ST. PAUL, Va., October 14.—This ambitious town, the people of which are careful readers of the Industrial Section of The Times-Dispatch, and have, therefore, become very ambitious, are looking forward to "city" water works. To that end they are contemplating granting a franchise to a company that proposes to build water works here. There are others who think that the town ought to build and own its own water works. But, in any event, St. Paul is going to have water works, and up-to-date works at that.

## GREAT SOUTHWEST; NEW INDUSTRIES BOB UP

Something Doing in Virginia and the Carolinas—Tennessee Also in the Swim.

### NEW INDUSTRIES NEAR HOME

North Carolina Keeps in Lead in Matter of Textile Development. Virginia Coal Products Corporation With \$1,500,000.

"Large expenditures will be required," says the current issue of the Manufacturers' Record, "for some of the important Southern developmental enterprises, such as an announced during the week just passed, leaving out a \$10,000,000 proposition for Oklahoma, which is really not a Southern proposition, but some figure, nevertheless, in Southern development, we bob up against Virginia coal-development propositions which call for the immediate expenditure of \$1,500,000 to start the mining of 4,000 acres of Virginia coal lands, and contemplates the immediate building of a large coking plant in Missouri a 10,000-barrel daily capacity oil refinery, reported to cost \$1,000,000, will be built. The principal cotton-mill item calls for the expenditure of \$1,000,000 to build a 160,000 building and a \$450,000 equipment of machinery for a North Carolina plant adding to its facilities."

### VARIED INDUSTRIES

Among many other Southern enterprises noted are the following: Virginia Coal Products' Corporation, Tacoma, Va., chartered with \$1,500,000 capital to develop a coal and iron land, these properties including mines now in operation. Plans include extensive by-products coking plants.

St. Paul Manufacturing Company, Marion, N. C., awarded contracts for a 160,000 building and a \$450,000 equipment of machinery for a North Carolina plant adding to its facilities.

Maxwell Motor Company, Detroit, Mich., will build \$250,000 plant for assembling automobiles at Kansas City, Mo.

Sebastian Ranch Company, Jacksonville, Fla., incorporated with \$250,000 capital to develop land for general farming.

St. River Cotton Mills, Albany, Ga., awarded contracts for additional mill to include \$250,000 building equipped with machinery costing \$140,000.

Pierce-Pordyke Oil Association, St. Louis, will invest \$125,000 to build a plant, construct levees around plant at Texas City, Tex.; cannery to be equipped for capacity 10,000 cans and 5,000 cases, etc.

Southern Powder Company, Baraboursville, W. Va., incorporated to build gunpowder and powder factory costing \$100,000.

Piedmont Filler and Stain Company, High Point, N. C., incorporated with \$100,000 capital to manufacture filler and stains for furniture factories.

J. V. Nevin St. Louis, and others will organize \$100,000 company to build a 30,000 barrel manufacturing plant, contemplated increasing to \$1,000,000 investment within next several years.

Carolina Products Company, Bandana, N. C., incorporated with \$100,000 capital to mine feldspar.

### BOOMING IN TENNESSEE

AND NORTH CAROLINA

Bristol Traction Company, Bristol, Tenn., awarded contract for constructing dam, installing electrical machinery, etc., for \$15,000 hydro-electric plant on Holston River near Bristol.

Silver Gray Marble Company, Knoxville, Tenn., incorporated with \$75,000 capital to quarry and manufacture marble.

Western Glass Company, St. Marys, W. Va., chartered with \$50,000 capital to manufacture glass.

Penland Clay Company, Penland, N. C., incorporated with \$50,000 capital to mine kaolin clay.

Goldstone Milling and Grain Company, Goldsboro, N. C., incorporated with \$50,000 capital to manufacture flour, feed and meal.

Clement Veneer and Lumber Company, Pamlico, N. C., chartered with \$50,000 capital to manufacture lumber and wood veneer.

Plume Plume Lumber Company, Monticello, Ala., incorporated with \$50,000 capital for manufacturing lumber.

Bristol Chemical Company, Bristol, Tenn., organized with \$50,000 capital and ordered machinery equipment for a plant to manufacture chemicals.

Chattanooga Mirror Works, Chattanooga, Tenn., incorporated with \$25,000 capital to manufacture mirrors and other similar products.

Dunbar Land Company, Dunbar, W. Va., awarded contract for a 50,000-acre driven plant with daily capacity 50,000 bricks.

### DOINGS AT SISTERSVILLE

West Virginia Town Which Thinks It Is Setting a Good Example.

SISTERSVILLE, W. VA., October 14.—This town has an idea that it is setting a good example to other towns in the two Virginias, and it may be well to let the readers of The Times-Dispatch know a few things that are going on at Sistersville, the accomplishment of the Sistersville Chamber of Commerce during the past year was the location of a glass plant, employing 250 men; an ornamental iron works, employing fifty men; and a Rayon plant for draining and reclaiming 1,000,000 acres of land, one of the greatest and costliest tasks of the kind ever attempted.

The Malvern Aluminum Corporation, which was finally located, will, it is stated, be the only independent aluminum corporation manufacturing in the United States.

A \$30,000 filtration plant has been added to the city water works system through the efforts of the Chamber of Commerce, and good roads activity has been given an added impetus.

### Half-Million-Dollar Extension.

KENOV, W. V., October 14.—The J. Kenov Products Company of this town, has announced that it will build an addition to its already big plant that will practically double its capacity. The extension is to be a 1,000,000-gallon storage tank. It is the current rumor that the company will expend at least \$250,000 in ready cash in the enlargement and extension of the plant.

### For Day Work Only.

CONWAY, S. C., October 14.—A company is being organized here to establish a twenty-thousand-acre mill, which, it is said, will employ not less than 100 young people, male and female, principally female, with day hours altogether. Charles R. Scarborough, a man of means and of influence among other men of means, is said to be at the head of the movement.

### Buckingham Is Coming.

BUCKINGHAM, VA., October 14.—The \$50,000 of bonds recently voted by the good people of Buckingham County for good roads have been sold at a good price, and the cash is now available for better highways. That the money will be judiciously spent goes without saying. The time is not far distant when Buckingham will be as well noted for good roads as any county in the State.

## FIXING FOR BUSINESS; MUCH RAILWAY EQUIPMENT

Southern Roads Keep On Getting Busy To Meet the Wants of the People.

The Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, which cuts a large figure through Virginia, not counting the greater part of its trackage in the two Virginias, keeps on providing facilities for the real Virginia business that is coming to the two Virginias. The company is meeting the demand. The Chesapeake and Ohio's latest order from the American Locomotive Company, an order that does its best work here in Richmond, is for twenty-five Mallet type locomotives. If the Richmond plant had not been built, the twenty-five Mallets will be built here, otherwise at Schenectady, N. Y., where the second biggest plant of the company is located.

The Norfolk and Western has provided shops and engine-building plants at Roanoke that the most optimistic could not keep the company supplied with engines and cars, and all the like of that, but the company has found it necessary, in order to meet the trade demands, to file some orders with Northern and Western engine-building concerns, which orders, it is said, amount to about \$400,000.

The Virginia Railway Company has filed a new order with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for 100 freight cars for the Richmond-Danville division, which is a report in local circles that there is a report put in an order with a Pennsylvania company for fifty-five freight cars, South Richmond, the shops in Richmond, with largely more than fifty number of hands at work turning out cars of the new kind and old ones repaired, at the rate of three per day.

The Seaboard Air Line Railway, so the report goes, last week put in order with two car construction companies. Just how the cars were ordered, or what their characteristics are, is not stated, but it is believed that the Seaboard is spending a lot of money in this line.

All of this information, and it is hard to get, for it is a well-known fact that the railroad people keep very tight about their movements, indicates that business in these good Southern States, especially Virginia and North Carolina, was never better at this season of the year. The demands on the part of the shippers, and the railroad folks was never more pronounced and never more urgent than at this particular time.

## MANUFACTURE OF COTTON CONTINUES VERY ACTIVE

[By Associated Press.]

WASHINGTON, October 14.—Manufacture of cotton continues extremely active, with all offerings freely taken. Prices this week ranged from 29 to 37.50. New dark leaf tobacco this week sold from \$1.75 to \$1.60.

On Wednesday and Thursday of next week, during the fair, there will be special premium sales of both bright and dark leaf tobacco, which will be in money and goods to the value of \$700 will be distributed.

Sales at Chase City.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

CHASE CITY, VA., October 14.—The local tobacco market has been holding up prices well this week, and while there have been no big breaks, each of the warehouses has had a good substantial sale every day. The quality of the weed offered here is about an average, and the prices are said to be better than for several years, except for the "big" year of 1913, and the farmers are well pleased with their sales.

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In Eastern tobacco markets, prices to be relatively dearer, owing to the greater competition. On the whole, prices are thought to have advanced slightly, with the demand for the crop is said to be out of the farmers' hands already, and the balance of the crop will be marketed as rapidly as possible. In the old belt districts the crop is expected to be marketed equally as rapidly.

There is a fair amount of trading in redried new tobacco, but dealers have bought and sold very little of the new crop that there is not much offering. There is practically no old tobacco on the market.

Primings Do Well in Lynchburg.

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LYNCHBURG, VA., October 14.—The leaf tobacco sales this week amounted to about 130,000 pounds of the new crop. The sales for the season foot up 421,810 pounds.

The offerings for the week consisted principally of last cuttings and combed types of tobacco, all of which sold well for quality and condition, the general average being \$7.68 per 100 pounds, which is decidedly higher than last year at this time.

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SOUTH BOSTON, VA., October 14.—In spite of the dry weather, leaf tobacco sales on the local market have been heavy, and the market has been glutted for the week. Sales blocked on Tuesday, and the block was not sold off until late Friday afternoon. Fancy tobaccos of each class are bringing top-notch prices, and the combed types are probably as high as ever have been known. Prices showed an upward tendency throughout the week, and closed firm.

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Large sales are expected during the remainder of this month.

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It is, however, noticeable that the quality is improving as the season advances, and all indications point to the fact that the crop of tobacco growers here experienced since the market was founded at Kenbridge.

### COPPER IN CHARLOTTE;

### THINGS WORTH WHILE

KEYSVILLE, VA., October 14.—The Charlotte Copper Corporation, a new company capitalized at \$100,000, will have headquarters in this town, and it is understood that the company will have a good deal of money in the development of the Virginia copper mines in Charlotte, on the border of Lynchburg, that have been known for these many years, but which have never been properly developed. The announced officials of the company are rather reticent as to the plans of the company, and as to what they are to do, but they are men who do not do things by halves, and the two months are looking for great development in the copper future. George S. Groves is the president of the company, and A. L. Crickender is the secretary and treasurer.

### Big Plant for Woodstock.

WOODSTOCK, VA., October 14.—The Chapin-Sacks Manufacturing Company, of this town, has completed arrangements for the establishment here of a 200,000-gallon storage tank. The plans are in hand for a splendid building, which will be of a fireproof construction, and will carry the 200,000-gallon storage tank. The plant of its kind, Woodstock is delighted at the prospect.

## SU-CURE TOBACCO CROP TAN PRODUCTIONS IN SIGHT

Sale Days Open Up Month Ahead of Time This Year—Larger Buyers Waiting.

### PRIMINGS ARE NOW NO MORE

Tuesday of This Week Will See the Opening of the Real Leaf Tobacco Markets—Doings in Danville and Other Bright Markets.

There was a fine exhibit of leaf tobacco at the State Fair, and some of the growers of the weed, both dark and bright, carried off premiums, blue ribbons and things that made them proud. But the best premiums the tobacco growers took in Richmond the past week were the big prices they got for the primings and the early offerings of the sun-cured goods in Friday's auction sales at the Richmond warehouses.

It is true that the sales were small, because of fair week, a dry season and other conditions, and less than 15,000 pounds were placed upon the warehouse floors on Friday, but the buyers were in full force, and they did some spirited bidding for the goods that were offered. The high-water mark for the primings was \$8 per 100, and this figure pleased the sellers not a little. A pile of the new sun-cured goods brought \$14 per 100, and this, too, pleased the sellers.

### REGULAR SALES TO BE OPENED THIS WEEK

The regular sales for the sun-cured stuff will begin on Tuesday, and if there shall come a season in the meantime, the warehousemen will be large. However, the warehousemen, who are also somewhat of weather prophets, do not look for a season just yet, and the probability is that the weather will be on Tuesday, and the weather will be on Tuesday, and the weather will be on Tuesday.

The indications are that the sun-cured goods will be marketed in Richmond earlier this season than ever before. The Richmond tobacco market, State district and county, is now in a state of readiness to receive the goods. Estimates are that something over 10,000,000 pounds of sun-cured will hit the Richmond warehouse floors this season.

### Petersburg Sells the Brights.

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## VEWS AND NEAR VIEWS; HINTS AND SUGGESTIONS

Fredericksburg on Flying Line—The "Noisy" Town—What the People Want—Things That Attract.

With its mind doubtless bearing on the last bill it received for white paper, the Roanoke Times throws out this timely hint: "Some people are unreasonable enough to expect a \$3 paper for \$4. Whenever a community is willing to pay \$9 a year for it there will be no trouble about getting the \$3 paper."

"Shall Fredericksburg join the procession of active, up-to-date, prosperous cities?" asks the Fredericksburg Star, and it adds after a big interjection point that this is the question before the people of the old battle-battered town. The Star then goes on to say: "We think the answer will be favorable. We urge our people not to be laggards in the race. Our business men, manufacturers, merchants and others should put their shoulders to the wheel and help the movement. That sounds like business, and it is to be hoped that the people of the old town have already caught on."

There is much suggestion in the following from the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot, a paper that is always looking out for the best to be had: "Unpleasant noises, and it is the exceedingly rare urban community in which there are not many such, should, of course, be reduced to the lowest practicable minimum. Consideration for the public comfort and the public health demands. But agitation against this nuisance may be carried to a point where it becomes a nuisance. The only altogether noiseless town in the town that is dead and deserted." Just so. The absolutely noiseless town in the town that is dead and deserted, which let us offer thanks.

Going back to the Fredericksburg Star, that paper carried this little editorial paragraph: "The baseball series and the State Fair have, in Virginia, for a time at least, absorbed all attention. What is the score and how about the fair? The paramount and important questions of the hour, who will be elected is apparently of small moment just now. In changed, than the news of this will be front will be eagerly sought after and inquired about."

Yes, that is characteristic of Virginia. Always something up to keep the people moving and nothing does service along that line than the State district and county fairs. We want more of the latter now than we had this year. Those we did have were great, and this is an incentive to such counties as did not have them.

### MUCH COAL EXPORTED

Many Vessels Took on Cargoes at the Southern's Charleston Pier.

CHARLESTON, S. C., October 14.—Construction of the Southern Railway's coal-export coal pier having made the pier available for coal export, the first year of its operation has been a record with promises great expansion and prosperity for the city. During the week ending October 14, eight steamships have taken coal from the Southern's Charleston pier for export. The cargoes amounted to 63,123 tons, while 40,682 tons were bunkered. There was a coastwise export of 44,464 tons of coal, making a total of 107,587 tons of coal shipped over the pier. In addition, 2,665 tons of iron ore and 2,111 tons of coke were exported.

### Booming Virginia Beach.

NORFOLK, VA., October 14.—The Ocean Front Land Company is one of the new concerns that has been incorporated under the laws of Virginia to do business all around and about this seaport region. It is understood, however, that this company will confine its business largely to the development of lands and enterprises at Virginia Beach and thereabouts. The total stock of the company is said to be \$30,000.

### Industry That May Grow.

STANTON, Va., October 14.—A new enterprise, a man and a woman, but one that will give employment to a goodly number of hands who have been working in this town is the Stanton Manufacturing Company, recently started. The business of the company for the present will be the making of men's coats, and for that purpose the necessary machinery has been installed in a building that has been leased and the necessary force of hands put to work. This is an industry that may grow to great proportions.